

12 October 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Thomas

SUBJECT: Omnibus NSCID and the DCIDs

1. In response to your request, attached is an analysis of the current DCIDs and their linkage to the omnibus unclassified NSCID.

2. In almost every case, there is a general authority in the omnibus NSCID by which the DCI can issue the DCID in question, but under this arrangement he would be making a number of assignments and decisions now made by the NSC. Thus, his authority would be much increased. Where ~~he~~ now implements an NSC decision, he could decide.

*under the omnibus NSCID*

4. It seems to me that many of the assignments of responsibility to the departments and agencies presently contained in the NSCIDs could also be included in the unclassified NSCID - for collection and production - if desired. A number of the major responsibilities which are now allocated by the NSC would probably still be decided by them - such as ELINT liaison, and thus some other vehicle would have to be devised to handle such provisions. Without such a device, the NSC would be handing over to the DCI many of its authorities which I suggest they will not be willing to do.

5. Of course, presuming such an alternate device (classified, naturally), the claim that the DCI operates by an open authority is somewhat diluted.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Martin

SUBJECT: Unclassified Omnibus NSCID

1. Attached is a new draft of a proposed unclassified NSCID which would replace all of the eight existing classified NSCIDs.

2. If anything, the final version of the unclassified NSCID would be more likely to attract community approval if it included more material than I have put in the draft. Each element of the community has a vested interest in various parts of the existing NSCIDs and probably would hope to have these vested interests covered in some manner by the new NSCID. For this reason I do not consider that an extremely brief NSCID would do the job.

3. I am still unhappy with this draft because I think that with more time for a careful combing of all of the existing NSCIDs it would be possible to identify additional assignments of responsibilities which ought to find expression in some form in the draft new NSCID. In my view, this is a job for a task group of specialists, including representatives from the CIA General Counsel, and the Deputy Directors. One member of this group should be a SIGINT specialist.

4. If you approve, I will draft a memorandum for your signature to the General Counsel and the Deputy Directors advising them of the task with which you have been charged by the DCI and requesting that they nominate representatives. I could head such a task group if you desire.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Graham

SUBJECT : Planning for Directive Structure Under  
Unclassified NSCID

1. Problem: The purpose of this memo is to follow the unclassified draft NSCID with a proposed restructuring and creation of necessary inter-agency and inter-departmental agreements and DCI Directives as provided for in paragraph [ ] of the unclassified draft NSCID.

2. Discussion: The rationale for the proposed complementary directive structure which is outlined below rests upon three primary needs.

A. The DCID as a directive issued by the DCI is not appropriate as a vehicle for stating implementing directives which are in fact inter-agency or inter-departmental agreements as opposed to directives wholly within the DCI's authority to issue, i.e., such as in the current [ ]

B. Because of this required dual nature of the implementing directive structure it appears both logical and reasonable that they have a common reference system, i.e., to allow users to find inter-agency or inter-departmental directives relating to similar matters as in the DCIDs in a co-mon category.

C. Finally, there appears to be a need for a directive format which will allow for new agreements and directives to support the DCI's increased role in community corporate management.

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